

**Effective 7/1/2016**

**63C-4b-104 Duties -- Interim report.**

- (1) The commission shall:
  - (a) convene at least eight times each year;
  - (b) review and make recommendations on the transfer of federally controlled public lands to the state;
  - (c) review and make recommendations regarding the state's sovereign right to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens as it relates to public lands, including recommendations concerning the use of funds in the account created in Section 63C-4b-105;
  - (d) study and evaluate the recommendations of the public lands transfer study and economic analysis conducted by the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office in accordance with Section 63J-4-606;
  - (e) coordinate with and report on the efforts of the executive branch, the counties and political subdivisions of the state, the state congressional delegation, western governors, other states, and other stakeholders concerning the transfer of federally controlled public lands to the state including convening working groups, such as a working group composed of members of the Utah Association of Counties;
  - (f) study and make recommendations regarding the appropriate designation of public lands transferred to the state, including stewardship of the land and appropriate uses of the land;
  - (g) study and make recommendations regarding the use of funds received by the state from the public lands transferred to the state; and
  - (h) receive reports from and make recommendations to the attorney general, the Legislature, and other stakeholders involved in litigation on behalf of the state's interest in the transfer of public lands to the state, regarding:
    - (i) preparation for potential litigation;
    - (ii) selection of outside legal counsel;
    - (iii) ongoing legal strategy for the transfer of public lands; and
    - (iv) use of money:
      - (A) appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of securing the transfer of public lands to the state under Section 63C-4b-105; and
      - (B) disbursed from the Public Lands Litigation Expendable Special Revenue Fund created in Section 63C-4b-106.
- (2) The commission shall prepare an annual report, including any proposed legislation, and present the report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee on or before November 30, 2016, and on or before November 30 each year thereafter.

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